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The Transport Workers Union (TWU), has a NYC Local 100 with 1,800 TWU members working for New York City Transit. Some of these members were trained in one of our four-day hazmat class. They are telling us that they've been working at Ground Zero since day one – they're working in and inspecting the tunnels in the area and "running electricity" for the area. One member found a section of the plane about 3 x 5 feet while inspecting a tunnel. Their members will be working at Ground Zero for "a long, long time".

The workers have been provided with APRs and most of their needs are being met. However, one of the members said that, "I've been over 20 years on this job, and I've never had this kind (hazmat) of training, and there's hazardous stuff all over the place even under normal circumstances."